

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2007-0041**

APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOCATE \$200,000 FROM THE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL CIRCUIT PROSECUTOR'S PROJECT TO PROSECUTE ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES INVOLVING THE DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS TO WATER

WHEREAS:

1. The Environmental Circuit Prosecutor's Project was established in 1998 by the California District Attorney's Association (CDAA) to assist local district attorneys with prosecution of environmental crimes and additional funding is required to maintain their services in the amount of \$200,000;
2. The Regional Water Quality Control Boards and the Underground Storage Tank regulatory program are beneficiaries of the Circuit Prosecutor's activities as the enforcement actions assist in the prevention of water contamination and/or cleanup of a waste or abatement of its effects on the waters of the state.
3. While the CDAA work also involves non-water-board-related environmental crimes and training, the funding for non-water enforcement work is funded from other sources.
4. The State Water Board is responsible for ensuring that CAA funds are used for appropriate activities pursuant to Sections 13442 and 13443 of the Water Code.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board:

1. Approves \$200,000 from the CAA for the Environmental Circuit Prosecutor's Project to prosecute environmental crimes involving the discharge of pollutants to water.
2. Encourages the Environmental Circuit Prosecutor's Project to find a long-term solution to its funding shortages and develop a regular source of funding consistent with its role as an entity which protects the interests of the People of the State of California.
3. Directs the Executive Director or designee to condition the expenditure of these funds to ensure they are used for water quality-related activities consistent with the purposes of Water Code Sections 13442 and 13443, to establish performance measures for this work and to periodically report the results to the State Water Resources Control Board.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on July 17, 2007.

AYE: Tam M. Doduc
 Gary Wolff, P.E., Ph.D.
 Arthur G. Baggett, Jr.
 Charles R. Hoppin
 Frances Spivy-Weber

NO: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



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Clerk to the Board